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### **Murkowski Meets with Alaskans at American Cancer Society Rally**

This week, an estimated 10,000 cancer survivors and advocates brought their cause and passion to Washington, D.C. for Celebration on the Hill 2006. The two-day event included an outdoor rally, recognition of survivors and an emotional candle-lit Ceremony of Hope. I was honored to stop by the Alaska tent on the National Mall to meet with a group that had traveled to attend the event. While there I signed the Congressional Cancer Promise, a pledge by lawmakers to support measures for cancer prevention, early detection, research and access to care.

**[For more information visit the American Cancer Society's Website.](#)**



*Meeting with Alaskans on the National Mall to Discuss Cancer Prevention*

### **Two Alaskan Schools Named 2006 NCLB Blue Ribbon Schools**

USED Secretary Margaret Spellings today announced that Main Elementary School in Kodiak and Rae C. Stedman Elementary School in Petersburg have been designated as Blue Ribbon Schools for 2006. I would like to congratulate the staff and students at each school for their hard work and dedication to achievement.

An awards ceremony will be held in Washington, D.C., on November 9-10. Two people from each school, the principal and a teacher, will be invited to the ceremony, where the schools will receive a plaque and a flag signifying their NCLB-BRS status. The No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors K-12 schools that are either academically superior in their states or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement.

## **Murkowski Wins Passage of Red Ribbon Week Resolution**

On September 20, I won Senate approval of a resolution declaring the week of Oct. 23-31 as "Red Ribbon Week." The Red Ribbon Week Senate Resolution (S. Res. 578) commemorates anti-drug efforts and will guide states, Parent Teacher Associations, Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Governors and Attorneys General nationwide in partnering in an effort to call attention to the dangers of drug usage.

Red Ribbon Week was established by Congress in 1988 to commemorate the work of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent, who was murdered in the line of duty. The Red Ribbon campaign promotes the belief that one person can make a difference in the fight against drugs while encouraging a drug-free lifestyle and involvement in drug prevention efforts.

In Alaska, Red Ribbon Week will be a statewide celebration involving thousands of school children and other supporters. On October 23, the Municipality of Anchorage, in conjunction with the Alaska Red Ribbon Coalition, which is comprised of the Anchorage School District, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Alaska State Troopers, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Alaska, the Alaska National Guard, and many other organizations, will hold its Red Ribbon Week kickoff. Among other activities, there will be poetry readings and dance performances, and a Public Service Announcement featuring local youths sending an anti-drug message will be broadcast throughout the State.

## **Murkowski Welcomes Senate Page**

I am pleased to announce that Lily George of Anchorage has been appointed as a Page in the U.S. Senate. Miss George is a junior at Lumen Christi High School and is a lifelong Alaskan who is committed to service. I am confident that she will do all of Alaska proud during her tenure as a Page.

For more than 100 years, messengers known as Pages have served the United States Congress. Pages are appointed and sponsored by a member of Congress and must be high school juniors and at least sixteen years old. There are thirty Page positions in the United States Senate which serve its 100 Members, making the selection process highly competitive. Senate Page duties consist primarily of delivery of correspondence and legislative material within the Congressional complex. Other duties include preparing the chamber for Senate sessions, and carrying bills and amendments to the desk. Pages also attend classes in the early morning at the United States Senate Page School. The Page School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.



*Senator Murkowski and her New Page Lily George*

## **Alaska to Receive Additional Heating Assistance**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released an additional \$79.9 million in energy assistance on September 12. The funds, from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), will provide Alaska with an additional \$1.43 million in heating assistance for the fall and winter months ahead. Earlier this year I supported increasing the FY06 appropriation for LIHEAP, which helped provide the additional resources released last week.

I recognize that the high cost of fuel is having a major impact across the state. As the price of heating fuel becomes more expensive, some people may resort to unsafe methods to heat their homes by using improperly vented portable heaters, barbecue grills, or electric heaters that can overload electrical circuits. These methods of heating are not only fire hazards, but they also create the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

LIHEAP is administered through the State of Alaska, additional information can be found by calling 1-888-804-6330 or visiting [the State's LIHEAP page](#).

## **Alaskan Named one of the Twenty Outstanding Filipino-Americans**

I would like to congratulate Elsa Sargento for being named one of the Twenty Outstanding Filipino-Americans. Since 1990, this award has been given to recognize achievements in the Filipino community, and awardees are honored during three days of festivities in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Sargento is the Executive Director for the Alaska State Community Service Commission.



*Joining Elsa and her Husband Angel in the Senate Dining Room*

## **Murkowski Addresses Young Professional Leadership Summit**

On September 20, I addressed the Young Professional Leadership Summit – a national forum that facilitates policy-based dialogue between governmental leaders and outstanding young professionals.

Four Alaskans participated in the Summit. They include:

- Angelina Burney, Special Projects Manager at the Alaska Department of Commerce in Anchorage;
- Tiffany Cook, Manager at Wells Fargo Bank in Wrangell;
- Neal Foster, Vice President at Sitnasuak Corporation in Nome; and
- Jennifer Harrison, Executive Director at Chickaloon Village Tribal Council in Chickaloon.

I am proud that these Alaskans, who represent a broad range of interests across the state, have

taken an interest in the direction of our nation. Our state depends upon young leaders like Angelina, Tiffany, Neal and Jennifer. I encourage them to stay involved to make a difference in their communities.

### **Lights on Afterschool Resolution Passes Senate**

Earlier this week, the Senate passed a resolution that I cosponsored to recognize Lights on After-school, a national celebration of after-school programs held on October 12th. To help promote the critical importance of after-school programs in the lives of children, families and communities, Lights On After-school! was launched in October 2000 with celebrations in more than 1,200 communities nationwide. This year, we expect over 1 million Americans to participate. As a member of the U.S. Senate After School Caucus and a parent of two school-aged boys, I know that high quality after-school programs are vital in providing academic, social and recreational opportunities for our children.

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*Meeting with Prime Minister Miyegombiin Enkhbold of Mongolia*



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